

Sole source items to be in VAAR 852.236-90 Restriction on submission and use of equal products

This clause applies to the following items:

<u>System / Equipment</u>	<u>Manufacturer and Model</u>	<u>GSA No.</u>
Fire Alarm System	Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics System	GS-06F-0033P
Nurse Call	Dukane Nurse Call System	
Doors, Hardware, Locks and Keying	Employ Best Patented cylindrical and mortise sets with Medeco 7-pin interchangeable cylindrical cores, LCN Closures (Mechanical, Low Energy, High Energy, Electronic Hold-Open, Electromagnetic), Von Duprin Exit Devices, Hager Hinges.	GS-07F-5835R
Building Automation and HVAC Controls	Johnson Controls Metasys control system	GS-07F-7823C
Modular Furniture	Herman Miller Products	GS-28F-8049H
Modular Brick	Belden Brick (County Materials) Seal Brown Velour A, Modular Brick	
Interiors	Reference Interior Schedule	
Siemens Medical Systems	Oncor Linear Accelerator Installation	
<b>Day-Brite light fixtures</b>	<b>2AVDG232MPW, 2AVG232PMW and 2AVG2CF40PMW</b>	
<b>Lithonia light fixture</b>	<b>VG02-26DTT-277-DWHG-LPI</b>	

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1. This product **Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics System** is the only product that allows for a single fire alarm system to be used throughout the Milwaukee facility. VA Milwaukee currently has the Cerberus Pyrotronics System as the campus-wide fire alarm system. The new fire alarm system for the Oncology area will interface directly with the existing campus-wide Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics Fire Alarm System.. The basement Oncology fire alarm system will activate alarms within building 111 and 113, & 70 to alert occupants that assistance may be required. Installation of a system that interfaces properly with the existing system in building 111 and 113 will ensure patient safety is maintained at the highest level. Additionally, installation of components that match the existing fire alarm system minimizes maintenance costs and bench stock requirements.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing system to ensure there are no interface problems with the addition of the remodeled Acute Care Wards and that system operation and maintenance is maintained to ensure patient and worker safety.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: full interface and compatibility with existing campus-wide fire alarm system.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The only other way to ensure complete compatibility.

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1. This product **Dukane Nurse Call System** is the only product that allows for a single nurse call system for this portion of the Milwaukee facility. The system will be modified based on the new design of the Oncology Department. Similar to the other proprietary items listed, the Dukane Nurse Call system will be a modification of the existing system and not a new system. An incompatible system will require installation of new head end and care station components. Installation of a system that interfaces properly with the existing system in the Oncology Department in Building 111 will ensure patient safety because communications will be seamless. Lastly, installation of components that match the existing nurse call system minimizes maintenance costs and bench stock requirements.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing system to ensure there are no interface problems and not require the installation of additional new equipment.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: full interface and compatibility with existing nurse call system in the Oncology Department in Building 111.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The only way to ensure complete compatibility and ensure a system that will not require major changes to a system already in place.

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1. This product **Best Patented Cylindrical and Mortise Locksets with Medeco 7-pin interchangeable cylindrical cores, LCN Closures (Mechanical, Low Energy, High Energy, Electronic Hold-Open, Electromagnetic), Von Duprin Exit Devices, Hager Hinges**, is what the facility has standardized on. It would be extremely cumbersome to maintain a completely separate locking system. The medical center requires all construction incorporate the Best Locksets and Medeco keying system, LCN closures (Mechanical, Low Energy, Electronic Hold-Open, Electromagnetic), Von Duprin exit devices and Hager hinges because experience has found out that "approved equals" are not at all equal in quality. It is also important to note that maintaining bench stock for the parts and keying components of an entirely different locking system and hardware sets would be expensive and time-consuming. Use of another brand would require duplicating efforts in training and double the stock on hand for replacement parts. These items are competitively priced and are widely available.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing components and to provide the quality needed for locks and hardware at the medical center.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: full integrate with the existing locks and hardware throughout the campus to ensure safety of patients and workers.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The other products on the market are not equal in quality to the Best Lock, Medeco Cores, LCN closures, Von Duprin exit devices and Hager hinges and would require additional cost to maintain within the facility.

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1. This product **Johnson Controls Metasys Building Automation and HVAC Control System** is the only product that allows for a single HVAC control system for the Milwaukee facility. Johnson Controls Metasys control system is the campus-wide building and HVAC control System. It is comprised of thousands of terminal devices and controllers. This campus-wide system will be modified in building 111 for the Oncology renovation with the signal returning to the monitoring "front-end" equipment in building 113. Additionally, the Johnson Controls building automation system has numerous remote monitoring workstations strategically located to facilitate timely troubleshooting and system adjustments by engineering staff. The signals from the Oncology suite will be sent back to existing workstations in building 111 where the building automation system is monitored. An incompatible system may require installation of new "front-end" and remote workstations as well as new software and programming. Additionally, installation of components that match the existing building automation system minimizes maintenance costs and bench stock requirements.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing system to ensure there are no interface problems, impacts to patient safety and familiarity of the product to the staff and maintenance personnel.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: full interface and compatibility with existing campus-wide HVAC control system in Building 111.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: This is the only way to ensure complete compatibility and that the campus will not have 2 HVAC control systems on the Milwaukee campus.

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## SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION

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1. This product **Herman Miller** is the only product that has: the Herman Miller Product is needed to match existing furniture . Other modular systems will not fit on the already existing hardware.
2. Worksurfaces are 1-1/8" thick particle board with either a high pressure laminate top face, and underside, and rigid, extruded integral color vinyl side edges to match.
3. Holes need to be predrilled on the underside of the worksurface for the ease of the installation of drawers and suspended pedestals
4. The worksurface has a 7/8" gap at the rear to permit cord passage
5. Worksurfaces supports are powder coated painted 13 gauge high strength sheet steel
6. Supports shall include a leveling screw
7. Flipper doors are accepted on all regular shelf doors that can convert from an open shelf to a enclosed lockable units
8. Top of flipper door is made with 18 gage of rolled steel
9. All tracks are ball bearing suspension
10. Single shelf and overhead storage unit shelf and top are constructed of 18" gauge steel  
Front shall have a 1-1/2" long slot for the lock cam
11. Sides have notches for mounting on the end panel machine screws or wall tracks. Formed front edge of shelf conceals optional task light.
12. Product from Herman Miller is on GSA Contract

2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Needs to match existing standardized products. This componentry can be field modified or adjusted to meet the demands of the work flow or equipment and occupational safety. These changes or adjustments are easy and can be quickly accomplished. The ability to adjust or modify these units expedites maintenance, repairs, easy reconfigurations, moves, changes in components or storage requirements.

3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: (must be able to be installed on existing hardware, and must be able to be field modified .

4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.

5. My conclusion in Item #4 above is based on the following research: needs to match the existing standardized product.

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1. This product, **Belden Brick (County Materials) Seal Brown Velour A, Modular Brick**, is the exterior façade of Building 111. The Building was constructed in 1965 and the replacement of brick needs to match the existing brick so façade is seamless. It is important that the materials are compatible both in material and ascetics since replacement of brick will be in the corners and as needed in other areas to repair the façade. Installing brick that does not meet the physical and color characteristics of the existing brick would result in integrity issues to the façade and building envelope in addition to an 11 story building with various colored bricks throughout.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing brick color and material characteristics on the 11 story hospital building.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure a final product where repairs of individual bricks along the 11 story, multi-face building maintain the integrity and ascetics of the building and building envelope.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The other products on the market are not equal in color to match the existing and would result in integrity and ascetics problems for the building.

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1. This product, **the Material and Room Finish Schedule**, is an integration of colors, textures, finishes, and components meeting requirements for geriatric and acute care patients.

- Many factors within interior spaces affect the health, both mental and physical, of occupants. It is the responsibility of the proper interior design to positively affect health and healthy behaviors, as well as help reduce negative behaviors, eliminate harmful substances in the environment, and prevent the spread of disease.
- Changing of one component of this integrated design results in a domino effect invalidating the contrasting color requirements for visual impairments and patient safety.
- The room finish design manufacturers indicated below comply with all VA regulations, standards, green environmental management standards, and energy requirements for hospital and medical center environments.
- The room finish design components have been integrated with other design elements of the project such as lighting fixtures, bathroom fixtures, beds, head end equipment, furnishings, blinds, window treatments, hardware, medical equipment, audio visual equipment, and signage. Changing of one component of this integrated design results in an adverse domino effect eradicating the above mentioned items of the contract.

2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing system to ensure there are no interface problems with the addition of the remodeled Primary Care Specialty Clinic Kitchen Consolidation and that system operation and maintenance is maintained to ensure patient and worker safety.

3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure the interior finishes installed throughout the campus buildings positively affect health and healthy behaviors of patients, patient safety and comply with all VA and green management standards.

4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using products that have the features identified in Item #1 above and comply with interior finish schedule attached.

5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The only other way to ensure a physically and psychologically safe patient environment.

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1. This product, **Day-Brite light fixture 2AVDG232MPW** is a specific shallow plenum 2x4 fixture, with a height of only 3.5". There are areas of the ceiling space that mechanical equipment and other utilities will not allow a taller light fixture to fit. The standard light fixture is 5", and that will not fit in certain locations, but to match the look and aesthetic of existing fixtures, the Day-Brite fixture can be specified. It is important to match look and lamping of existing fixtures to maintain standards, simplify maintenance, and reduce maintenance costs.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing VA Zablocki standard basket light fixture and material characteristics on the 11 story hospital building.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure the light fixtures installed match existing fixtures and maintain the integrity and aesthetics of the building.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: The other products on the market are not equal in looks, measurements, or performance. This product will guarantee a matching light fixture throughout building 111.

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1. These products, **Day-Brite light fixtures 2AVG232PMW and 2AVG2CF40PMW** are a specific 2x4 basket light fixture and 2x2 basket light fixture that are the current VA Zablocki standard for 2x4 corridor and office fixtures. It is important to match look and lamping of existing fixtures to maintain standards, simplify maintenance, and reduce maintenance costs.
2. My conclusion that these products are the only products that have the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing VA Zablocki standard basket light fixture and material characteristics on the 11 story hospital building.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure the light fixtures installed match existing fixtures and maintain the integrity and aesthetics of the building.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
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1. This product, **Lithonia light fixture VG02-26DTT-277-DWHG-LPI** is a specific vanity fixture that is the VA Zablocki standard for patient and public restroom vanity fixtures. It is important to match look and lamping of existing fixtures to maintain standards, simplify maintenance, and reduce maintenance costs.
2. My conclusion that this product is the only product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to match existing VA Zablocki standard basket light fixture and material characteristics on the 11 story hospital building.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure the light fixtures installed match existing fixtures and maintain the integrity and aesthetics of the building.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a product that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
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1. This service, **Siemens Oncor Linear Accelerator Site-Specific Equipment Cables and installation**, is a service specific to existing equipment in the basement oncology area. The existing Linear Accelerator is a Siemens Oncor Linear Accelerator. Therefore, Siemens will need to be contracted to provide cable relocation and reinstallation due to the relocation of the control room serving the Oncor Linear Accelerator. It is important to maintain cabling integrity and the supplier and installer of the original control room items and cables is the only one that can guarantee the reinstallation will work properly.
2. My conclusion that this service is the only service that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above is based on the following research: Need to maintain the existing Siemens Oncor Linear Accelerator and ensure proper operation after relocating the control room.
3. The VA needs to be able to do the following: ensure the proper operation of the existing Siemens Oncor Linear Accelerator with the new control room location.
4. The only reasonable and practicable way that the VA can accomplish the things identified in Item #3 above is by using a service that has the features or capabilities identified in Item #1 above.
5. My conclusion is Item #4 above is based on the following research: There are no other companies that can provide a guarantee for a product they did not originally install. Due to the fact that Siemens originally installed the existing equipment, they should be contracted to modify the existing equipment.

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